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ROSA L. DELAURO
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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Town of Hamden, Connecticut-Public Safety Communications Upgrade in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hamden Police Department located at 2900 Dixwell Avenue Hamden, Connecticut, 06518.

The funding would be used to purchase (replace and upgrade) the Town of Hamden's Police Department fixed radio network communications equipment to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit first responders and Town residents, including students and faculty, in several ways highlighted below:

- **Safety.** Being able to track the location and status of emergency responders is critical to improving safety.
- **Coverage.** A digital redundant network increases signal reliability across the Town's footprint. Coverage is especially important during significant weather-related or other emergencies.
- **Information sharing.** Upgraded communications support interoperability during multi-agency responses, enabling improved response coordination.
- **Access to real-time data.** Up-to-date communications systems enable responders to access information in real-time to improve situational awareness and response.
- **Resiliency and redundancy.** Ensures continuation of emergency services in the event of a disaster, fully realizing an emergency response and disaster recovery plan.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rosa L. DeLauro", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Rosa L. DeLauro

Member of Congress